

Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council  
Minutes May 9, 2016  
Joshua Tree Community Center, 6171 Sunburst Ave., Joshua Tree, CA 92252

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Members Present, Myers, Lutringer, Lundquist, Flanagan, Sitz, Tuttle, Swarat. Members Absent: Ziegert, Koenig
- D. The Agenda was adopted as presented.
- E. The April 11, 2016 minutes were adopted as presented.
- F. Public Comments: O'Key thanked the community for providing such great community support regarding the solar issue.
- G. Public Safety Reports  
Cty. Fire: Chamberlain has been reassigned to Division 6. CHP: Miller reported May 23-June 5 as Click It or ticket enforcement period. Audience member discussed double yellow line in front of ARCO station in YV. It is a striping problem. Capt. Joling reported new Sgts. Are in the basin and there are deputies in training. There was also discussion regarding pulling over for emergency vehicles. Some do and some do not. It is enforced as much as possible. When in doubt as to whether one should pull over, err on the side of caution and pull over.
- H. Presentation by the Housing Authority of San Bernardino. Ana Gamiz, Director, Policy and Community Affairs. presented. 2 Boards-Board of supervisors and Housing commission consisting of 5 appointees by BOS and 2 resident commissions one of which is a senior. Covers entire SB County except Upton and Needles; provides affordable housing. There is no public housing in JT. Voucher programs do allow an individual to use the voucher at any landlord who accepts it. 26 households in JT that use the voucher programs. Always have a waiting list. Current waiting list is 58,000 applications (53,000 households). Voucher waiting list hardly ever opens. Opened in 2015 and got 25,000 applications in 19 days. Most families wait 7-10 years for the program to open. A representative from The State of CA also discussed individuals with developmental disabilities. Large population of individuals in area. Living options are varied from living at home, supported living to skilled nursing facilities.
- I. Discussion of two Local Appeals
  - 1. Proposed NextEra Solar Farm at JT airport. NextEra has received approval from the SBC Planning commission. There are several unrelated organizations, along with residents of JT, who have appealed this decision. JBWD has not approved a will serve letter for water; they continue to table it. NextEra has received approval to put in a high capacity well.
  - 2. Janet Johnston updated the Alta Mira project. Appeal was filed on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Waiting to hear date appeal will be heard.
- J. Reports by Members of the MAC  
Sitz: Illegal dumping is becoming a big problem. Lutringer: Landers had an electricity outage causing quite a problem. Notice was given but started early and ended late. An SCE representative will speak to the Landers Community association. The rodeo is coming during Grubstakes Day. Lundquist reported that Supervisor donated money for the bleachers at the rodeo. JPHIL Spring Concert on Friday, May 20; Music festival at JT Camp Grounds coming up. Swarat reported on proposed fire tax for the MV fire department. 2/3 vote is required to pass the Measure. Tuttle said county held several road meeting in unincorporated areas; movie nights starting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Myers: no report. Flanagan reported that BLM has delayed the deadline for WEMO until 2020.
- K. Adjournment: 8:25 pm.

Minutes approved at the June 13, 2016 meeting.